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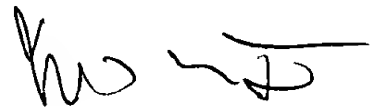
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See attached.

Appellants' appeal brief filed on 4/4/02 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because while appellants responded to the examiner's drawing requirement under 37 CFR 1.83, they failed to address the examiner's drawing requirement under 37 CFR 1.81. Since the submission appears to be a bona fide attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Office action, applicant is given a shortened statutory period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, to submit a complete reply. This shortened statutory period supersedes the time period set in the prior Office action.

If appellants choose to merely argue the requirement under 37 CFR 1.81 as opposed to submitting drawing corrections or new drawings, this would be an acceptable response at this time though the examiner still considers appellants' drawings to be inadequate under both 37 CFR 1.81 and 1.83. However, a failure to provide any response a second time to the 37 CFR 1.81 requirement will result in abandonment of appellants' application for being non-responsive.



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